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SUBJ: APPROACH TO CHAIRMAN MENGISTU ON COMPENSATION CLAIMS OF
AMERICAN CITIZENS AND CORPORATIONS

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1. WHEN I SEE CHAIRMAN MENGISTU TO PRESENT MY CREDENTIALS, SUDDENLY SCHEDULED FOR 10 A.M. JULY 21 INSTEAD OF TENTATIVELY JULY 29, I WOULD LIKE TO BE AUTHORIZED TO SAY THAT THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF AN AGREEMENT ALONG THE LINES OF THE LAST PARAGRAPH REFTEL OF AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ALONG THE LINE OF THE PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH WOULD PERMIT THE U.S. TO VOTE YES ON THE SECOND IBRD MINIMUM PACKAGE PROGRAM LOAN PACKAGE (WHICH NOW IS UP TO \$92,640 MILLION WITH A POSSIBLE U.S. CONTRIBUTION OF \$21.149 MILLION OVER THE LIFE OF THE PROJECT, SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS) WHEN IT COMES UP IN THE IBRD. THIS WOULD BE FAR BETTER THAN TO SIMPLY REITERATE THE REFRAIN THAT IF THERE IS NO PROGRESS ON THE SETTLEMENT OF COMPENSATION CLAIMS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS AND CORPORATIONS, WE WILL HAVE TO VOTE NO IN THE FUTURE ON ALL IFI LOANS BECAUSE OF THE GONZALEZ AMENDMENT. I WOULD OF COURSE MAKE THIS POINT TO THE CHAIRMAN AS WELL, BUT IT WOULD BE EFFECTIVE TO START WITH AND EMPHASIZE THE POSITIVE.

2. I RECOGNIZE TIME MAY NOT PERMIT WASHINGTON DECISION
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AND I WOULD MAKE MORE GENERAL REMARKS.
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